**Damage to Aircrafts**

1492. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Delhi airport has witnessed rising number of cases of bird hits, damaging the aircrafts, disrupting airlines' schedules and causing inconvenience to passengers;

(b) if so, the details of such cases during the last two years and an assessment of the damage caused to the aircraft; and

(c) the details of action plan drawn up to overcome the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (b) No, Sir. In the year 2006 (till date) only five bird hit incidents have taken place as against nine incidents of bird hit reported in the year 2005. Out of the nine bird hit incidents reported in 2005, there was no damage in four cases. However in the other cases, damages were assessed in blades of engine, radome and tyres. In the five bird hit incidents reported in 2006, minor damages to engine, outer edge of the wing and engine blade were assessed.

(c) Government have ensured many preventive measures. Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various steps have been taken to reduce bird hits inside and outside the airports such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage dalaos, establishment of modern abattoirs, scaring and shooting of birds etc.

**Theft cases**

1493. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether rampant cases of theft have been reported in Air India and Indian flights;